

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-14, 16 and 27-29 are allowed over the prior art of record. Claims 1-14, 16 and 27-29 are renumbered as 1-18 respectively.
2. The present invention is directed to a data processing apparatus to a power saving mode depending on whether a particular application program is in progress on a host computer. Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features "a power control unit that controls the state of supplying of the power source unit to each device in the image forming apparatus based on a number of the information processing apparatus on which the specific application software is running and the condition stored by the storing unit". The closest prior art, Qiao US PUB 2002/0097423 fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Conclusion

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